LPG consumers

†226. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total population in the country consuming LPG;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the consumption of LPG in environmentally sensitive States like Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir etc. in order to save forests in these States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) At present, all India population covered by LPG through the distribution network of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is approximately 37.5%.

(b) and (c) LPG connections are available on demand in all the States. OMCs have also started the marketing of 5 k.g. cylinders to meet the requirement of low income group customers particularly in hilly areas to increase the use of LPG in such areas.

Commercial appraisal of discoveries made in KG basin

227. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requisite appraisal of hydrocarbon discoveries made in the Krishna Godavari basin recently has been made to establish their commercial viability; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) As far as private companies/Joint Ventures are concerned, following 9 oil/gas discoveries have been made in the Krishna Godavari (KG) basin:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Block	Name of discovery	Type (oil/gas)
KG-DWN-98/2	Kanakdurga	Oil & Gas
	Padmavati	Oil & Gas
	Annapurna	Gas
KG-DWN-98/3	Dhirubhai-1	Gas
	Dhirubhai-2	Gas
	Dhirubhai-3	Gas
	Dhirubhai-4	Gas
	Dhirubhai-5	Gas
	Dhirubhai-6	Gas

In addition , ONGC has made two discoveries *viz.* GS-KW (Oil) and GS-49 (Gas) in the KG basin. Exploration and the appraisal/estimation of resources in any field is a continuous process wherein the leads obtained from various discoveries in the field are processed in order to produce hydrocarbons in a commercially viable manner.

Rejection of allotments by relatives of Kargil martyrs

228. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether allotment of petrol pumps, LPG and kerosene depots has been made to all near and dear ones of Kargil martyrs;

(b) if so, the details of allotments made to relatives of Kargil martyrs till date;

(c) whether any allotments were rejected or turned down by their relatives;

(d) if so, the numbers thereof; and

(e) what were the reasons for the rejection of the allotments?